GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4189
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Export of Onions
Reddy,Kotha Prabhakar

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation regarding waiver of restrictions on the export of onions;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether the Government has taken any decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b). As per the Foreign Trade Policy, currently there is no restriction on export of onions. However, the Government keeps receiving representations from Agricultural Associations/Members of Parliament/Legislative Assembly/Individuals etc. from time to time to remove restrictions, if any on the export of agricultural items including onions.
(c) The Government of India, in view of huge arrivals of onions in the market, reduced the Minimum Export Price (MEP) on onion export from USD 400 PMT (FOB) to Zero w.e.f. 24th December, 2015 which continues till date.

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